

A. AMENDMENTS WITHOUT MARKUP

1. Specification:

b. First paragraph of page 10 has been amended as follows:

In an alternative embodiment, base **10** is comprised of a split baseboard (see Fig. 10 below) so that stiffener **18** and base slat support **22** fit between two baseboard sections (~~not shown~~). Construction with a split base board brings a portion of the bottom slat **30** on the right and left side of base slat support **22** between the two baseboard sections and below the level shown for baseboard **16** in Fig. 8. Construction with a split baseboard allows an increase in the size of the surface area of top rear **48** and top front **42** (see Fig. 1) which increases the range of window arches to which one size of shutter **100** can be affixed.

Fig. 10 depicts alternate shutter element **110** showing a split base board configuration having left split baseboard **170** and right split baseboard **150**. Base slat support **220** and stiffener **180**, can be seen extending down into the space between left split baseboard **170** and right split baseboard **150**.